

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yasuhiro OMURA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2851

Application No.: 09/769,832

Examiner:

R. E. Fuller

Filed: January 26, 2001

Docket No.: 108455

For:

PROJECTION EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND METHOD, CATADIOPTRIC OPTICAL SYSTEM AND MANUFACTURING METHOD OF DEVICES

AMENDMENT FILED WITH RCE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Further to the Notice of Allowance dated December 9, 2003, and after entry of the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, please consider the following:

Amendments to the Claims as reflected in the listing of claims; and Remarks.

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LARGE ENTITY REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.114, Applicants hereby request continued examination.

Applicants further request entry and consideration of the attached submission (Amendment).

The above-identified application was filed on or after June 8, 1995. Thus, entry is proper under 37 C.F.R. §1.114(d).

Attached hereto is our check no. <u>151379</u> in the amount of \boxtimes \$770.00 as payment of the fees set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e). The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 15-0461. Two duplicate copies of this page are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Please grant any extension necessary for entry; Charge any fee due to our Deposit Account No. 15-0461